

**Town Mayor/Council  
Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Monday, March 26, 2018  
Municipal Building**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order**– 7:06 pm

**Roll Call** – Mayor Muhammad; CM Barnes; CW Brownson; CM McLaurin; CM Kennedy II; CW Hines; CW Smith-Barnes (7) officials were present we had a quorum.

**Moment of Silence** –

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion by CW Smith-Barnes; seconded by CW Hines to adopt the agenda; all were in favor; motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes from March 5** – Motion by CW Smith-Barnes; seconded by CM Kennedy, II to adopt the minutes; all were in favor; motion passed

**Public Period** --

Mr. Ware on Ottawa Streets ask what it will take to get a second speed hump on Ottawa. “It just doesn’t make sense to me.” Mr. Ware, who has lived on the block has seen countless cars speed down the block at all hours of the day. “It doesn’t matter what time it is,” Mr. Ware said. “I’m worried, too, because there are a lot of children and pets that are on this block. I don’t want anything to happen.” They can put it right in front of my house,” he said. “It doesn’t matter to me.”

Mrs. Pippins: Stated that the wall at Seneca Dr. and Woodland Drive, looks wonderful. Great job to staff.

Motion to approve new Council Officials; All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Oath of office swearing in:**

Ward I Calvin Washington

Ward II Jonathon Kennedy, II

Ward III Brian McLaurin

**Legislation** –

**Resolution 02-18** -- A resolution approving compensation for Chief of Police Pablo Mitchell. Motion to waive reading by CM Kennedy, II; seconded by CW Hines to adopt Res. 02-18; discussion; vote (5) yes (1) no and (1) abstain. Motion passed.

**Resolution 10-18** -- A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland regarding the powers and duties of the Speed monitoring system program Ombudsman and the Ombudsman’s Authority of review, Void or Rescind Certain Violations, Fines and Fees. Motion to waive reading by CM Kennedy, II; Seconded by CW Hines to adopt Res. 10-18; discussion; vote (4) yes (3) no; Motion passed.

**Resolution 16-18** -- A resolution to approve and authorize an amendment to the terms of duration and compensation of an existing contract for landscape services between the Town of Forest Heights and Proctor Landscape Masonry, LLC for work at public areas within the town. Motion to waive reading by CM Kennedy, II; seconded by CW Hines to adopt Res. 16-18; discussion; vote (5) yes; (1) no and (1) abstain. Motion passed.

**Resolution 17-18** -- A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional services contract with the Training Source, Inc. on behalf of the Town of Forest Heights to organize and facilitate a teambuilding and professional development retreat for the Mayor and Town Council and Senior Staff; and generally relating to personnel and training. Motion to waive reading by CM Kennedy, II; seconded by CW Hines to adopt Res. 17-18; discussion; vote (5) yes; (2) no. Motion passed.

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**Resolution 18-18 --** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional services contract on behalf of the Town of Forest Heights to obtain additional design services and final construction documents from Pennoni Associates Inc. for reconstruction of North Huron Drive; and generally related to professional services and Town finances. Motion to waive reading by CM Kennedy, II; seconded by CW Hines to adopt Res. 18-18; discussion; vote (7) yes (0) no; Motion passed.

**Charter Amendment Resolution Number 01-18 --** A Charter Amendment Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland Amending, Correcting or Restating Section 33-71 (conflicts of interest) of the charter of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland to provide for an additional exception permitting sworn police officer appointments or assignments to the current exceptions to the restrictions prohibiting the holding of more than one town office or position at any one time by town officials or employees, and generally relating to conflicts of interest and limitations on holding multiple offices or positions in the town government. Motion to waive reading by CM Kennedy, II; seconded by CW Hines to adopt Charter Amendment Res. 01-18; discussion; vote (4) yes (3) no; motion passed.

**Closed Meeting**

Location: Town of Forest Heights, Maryland Municipal Building

Date: 3/26/2018 Time: 9:49 p.m.

Motion by: CM Kennedy, II      Seconded by: CW Hines

<b>Vote to Close Session:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad	[ X ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]
Councilman Calvin Washington	[ X ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]
Councilman Robert Barnes	[ X ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]
Councilwoman Theresa Brownson	[ X ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]
Councilman Jonathon Kennedy II	[ X ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]
Councilman Brian McLaurin	[ X ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]
Councilwoman Taunya Hines	[ X ]	[   ]	[   ]	[   ]

**State Government Article Section 10-508(a):**

**To:** (i) To discuss:

The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the Town has jurisdiction; or

Motion to Adjourn Close Session 10:04 p.m.

**New Business – None**

**Adjournment – 10:32 pm**

Sherletta Hawkins

Submitted by Town Clerk